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City Of West Hollywood Library Program Receives Helen Putnam Award for Excellence

WEST HOLLYWOOD—The League of California Cities, which honors outstanding achievements by California's cities, recently bestowed the City of West Hollywood's *Light Up a Library* program with the Helen Putnam Award for Excellence. The Helen Putnam Award for Excellence specifically recognizes and promotes the efforts and innovative solutions of city governments to improve the quality of life in local communities, to implement efficiencies in service delivery and operations and to provide services responsive to the local community.

Light up a Library is a collaboration among the City of West Hollywood, the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles (NCJW/LA), and local elementary schools. The program addresses the critical, unmet library needs of elementary school children by providing new and gently used books and volunteers to actively assist classes as they seek books for both school projects and personal pleasure. Once the library is operational and staffed, it provides the perfect venue for after-school homework and enrichment programs.

Some of the results demonstrated by the *Light Up A Library* program include:

- A collection for each school with an average of 15.2 books per student;
- Visits to the library by each classroom for at least one period per week for storytime and to choose books for individual reading;

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- Trained volunteer staff at each library daily, keep it open during lunch period, and after-school homework help at least two days per week;
- 4,250 volunteer hours contributed annually;
- 4,555 carefully-selected books added to the library collections;
- 2,322 students participating in library programming every week.

For more information on *Light Up a Library*, call the Social Services Division of the City of West Hollywood at (323) 848-6510.

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